

Giants and Yankees Speeding to Sunny Southland—Eddie Roush May Rejoin Giants

Ruth Joins His New Team; Mogridge Finally Signs

Manager Huggins Unable to Accompany Local Detachment, Owing to Illness; Star Southpaw Quits the Hold-Out Ranks Just Before Train Time

By Ray McCarthy

The Yankees are off for Dixieland to prepare for their trip to Pennsylvania the coming season. The advance guard got under way last night at 6:20 from the Pennsylvania Station, and no less a personage than the mighty "Babe" Ruth was in it. Charles McManus, traffic manager of the Yankees, piloted the group as far as Baltimore, where Joe Kelley, the veteran scout, took charge.

Kelley will look after affairs during the absence of Manager Miller Huggins. Huggins is still confined to his hotel room here with bronchitis, and at the urging of Colonel Huston will remain indoors until to-morrow, when he will probably follow his charges to Jacksonville.

George Mogridge, the star left-handed pitcher of the team, who had been holding out, came to terms with the local owners yesterday afternoon and left with the party from here. The others who left from Manhattan included the following:

Herbert Thormahlen, the star southpaw pitcher; Tim Lincecum, the irrepressible; Percy Smallwood, pitcher; Danny Murphy, a catcher from St. Paul, of whom big things are expected; Mario De Vitis, former star football player; baseball pitcher of Brown University; Benny Geiser, who is expected to make a strong bid for an outfield job, and several newspaper men.

Shawkey Takes Protégé

At Philadelphia Derrill Pratt, second baseman; Bob Shawkey, pitcher, and his protégé Bob Rice, an infielder joined the party. Chick Fewster, Bill Miller and Scout Joe Kelley were picked up at Baltimore. Other members of the club will convene at Jacksonville from points South and West.

Babe Ruth was the center of interest of a large crowd gathered at the Pennsylvania Station to see the Yanks off. The big fellow looked to be in condition to go out and knock a few homers. He stood with one hand in his pocket, shifting from foot to foot and smiling good naturedly all the while.

Asked if he was pleased to be hitting the train to the old stomping ground, the Babe acknowledged that the thoughts of getting a bat in his hand again were pleasant indeed.

"Yes, I'll be pleased to see the old ball season swings round," he said, as he puffed at a Babe Ruth special, imported from Boston. "When the season is near the end, I get tired of the game, but when the spring training call comes I can hardly wait to get there. Even old timers who have made the trip for years like to get back to practice and to get the kinks out of their systems."

Expects His Biggest Season

"I think I'll have my first year here. I always liked to play here, as most of the fellows do, and I figure that this is going to be my biggest year. Naturally I would say so, but I honestly feel that way about it."

In the first place, you see, there'll be 134 games this year, at which I'll get a crack at that 'old apple.' Of these will play at least half of them on the Polo Grounds, which means I'll get some seventy-seven games at which to show that I'm a right-hander. And if I don't make twenty-five homers in there I'll bust. I don't dare say how many I'll make or try to make, but I believe I'm going to knock that record of twenty-nine four-baggers sky-high this year.

"What position will I play? That, of course, will be up to Huggins entirely. He's the boss, and what he says goes, but I think I'd like to play the outfield regularly. If I do I'll have more chances to wallop that pill, and I think I'm in the field will improve by playing one position regularly."

"However, if Huggins wants me to shift around, that's all right with me, too. If I can help the boys bring in the pennant by taking a turn in the pitching box I'll be glad to do so. Winning the pennant is the main thing; banging homers is secondary."

"Yes, I'm in good luck and will need little training. My ball playing and golfing on the Pacific Coast have kept me in condition, and all I'll need is to loosen the arm and tune up the batting eye."

The Yankees will arrive in camp early to-morrow. The rest of the day will be spent in settling at the hotel and getting acquainted with the surroundings. Practice will get under way Tuesday afternoon, and from then sessions will be held every morning and afternoon.

Matty Leads First Detachment Of McGraw's Players to Camp

Kauff, Benton, Barnes, Frisch Among Squad to Leave From Here

By W. O. McGeehan

BUFFALO, Feb. 28.—The Giants' special forgot to touch second some where beyond Albany and it looks as though the triple play trip from Buffalo to St. Louis to San Antonio would be gummed up. A train skidded some where on the main line and the carload of athletes and judicial dignity is merely on its way.

Benny Kauff joined on schedule and is peering moodily at the snowbound scenery. Jess Barnes arrived in a new set of furs that dazzled the new recruits. A delegation of Fordhamites boarded the train somewhere to admire Frank Frisch for fifty miles or so.

Traffic Manager Eddie Brannick is explaining to Captain Christy Mathewson that the error in routing should not be charged to him, but that he should be credited with an assist. The experts are looking up the dope and debating it.

The crowd that came to see the squad off was quite as big as any they had seen to see the Giants depart. The usual flashlights were fired at the athletes and the guards departed. George Burns was picked up intact out of a snow bank at Utica. George was a holdout for a few seconds this way again to where, according to the latest report from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the birds are singing and all that sort of thing.

McGraw might win through Manager Antonio unless his boat skids in the Gulf Stream. The St. Louis delegation may get started before the aggregation in this caravan can arrive there.

McGraw Wants Bill Kopf Also For Ross Young

Conference in Havana Indicates That Little Napoleon Is Again on Job

Eddie Roush, Cincinnati star and hero of last year's world series, to become a member of the Giants? Well, this is not a certainty, but it appears to be a probability. Treasurer Wildgr of the Cincinnati club, who has been in conference with Manager John McGraw of the Giants at Havana, has offered Roush in trade for Ross Young, the speedy outfielder. McGraw refused such a barter, but it is understood that he talked of other possible changes.

One of these involves the trading of Zimmerman, Kauff and cash for Roush and Kopf. Another possible swap involves Young for Roush and Kopf. However, it seems certain now that McGraw is on his way to the battle ground, that he will force some kind of deal in short order.

What makes the report of an impending deal appear so certain is that both Roush and Kopf are hold-outs. Fat Moran may get them to fall in line soon, but in these turbulent days the owners of the Reds may decide to pursue the safe policy of riding the club to all Bolsheviks. I. W. W.s, upstarts or what you will.

Yale Swimmers Set New Record In 800-Foot Relay

From a Special Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Yale University's quartet of sprinters set a new 800-foot intercollegiate relay swimming record in a dual meet with the University of Pennsylvania here to-day, negotiating the distance in 2 minutes 29.5 seconds.

The winning team was made up of Solley, Pratt, Milroy and Hincks. The old record of 2 minutes 30 seconds was made in 1914 in the Princeton pool by Yale.

The Elmer men won the meet by a score of 35 to 25. The failure of Richard Meagher, Yale's great plunger, to do better than 71 feet was a keen disappointment to aquatic followers gathered inside Weighman Hall. On his first try the Yale diver failed to clear the tiled bottom. He afterward complained that he had been accustomed to plunging in deep pools. Meagher holds the world's record in the plunge, having glided seventy-five feet in 40 seconds.

Eddie Shields, ex-Mercersburg miller was the only Penn swimmer to capture a first prize. He easily led the field in the 200-yard swim, crossing the line in 2 minutes 39.5 seconds. Captain John M. Hincks, of Yale, won the century dash with ease. Hincks competed in the inter-Allied swim in the Seine last July.

The summary:

800-foot relay.—Won by Yale (Solley, Pratt, Milroy, Hincks). Penn (Brinkhurst, Martz, Leopold, Shield). Time, 2:29.5. (New collegiate record.)

200-yard swim.—Won by Solley, Yale. Penn, second. Time, 2:39.5.

100-yard swim.—Won by Hincks, Yale. Penn, second. Time, 1:40.

Plunge.—Won by Meagher, Yale. Second, 71 feet. Penn, second. Time, 40 seconds.

Fancy dive.—Won by Hincks, Yale. Penn, second. Time, 1:40.

In the water polo game Penn sprung a big surprise by ducking the Yale poloists for a 17 to 10 victory.

The line-up:

Penn (17) Pos. Yale (10) Pos.
C. O'Leary (capt.) R. E. Elder (capt.)
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Hitch, With 91 Targets, Takes High Scratch Cup

Owing to the fact that one trap was buried beneath three feet of solid ice the gamblers of the Bergen Beach Gun Club were compelled to shoot their entire program over a single trap. As there was an unusually large field more than 4,000 targets were thrown out of the single trap.

There were seven take-home prizes. The high scratch cup was won by E. F. Murphy, a new driver, won the Los Angeles Speedway opening event, of 250 miles, and captured the \$10,000 first money prize. His time was 2:25:17.9. Ira Vail was second and Joe Thomas third. Murphy averaged 103 miles an hour.

Murphy was a mechanic until to-day, when he came behind him Joe Poyer, who had been in front for forty-four laps, was forced to the pits by a broken connecting rod that put him out of the race. Ralph De Palma failed to finish in the money.

Hagen to Meet Barnes On Links for \$1,500

BELLEHAIR HEIGHTS, Fla., Feb. 28.—Walter Hagen, open champion, played over the Belleair course to-day a four-ball match, in which he scored a 70 in the morning and a 71 in the afternoon. He will have Alex Smith for a partner tomorrow against Jim Barnes and Dave Robertson.

Hagen announced to-day that he had consented to meet Barnes at New Orleans for a purse of \$1,500 in a thirty-six hole match on March 7.

Yale Gymnasts in Van

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 28.—Yale to-day defeated Princeton, 33 to 21, in their annual gymnastic meet. Captain Potter of Yale, scoring 18 points.

Syracuse Beats Colgate

HAMILTON, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Syracuse University five defeated Colgate here this evening by a score of 34 to 25.

Williams Gets Only Goal

UTICA, Feb. 28.—The Hamilton College hockey team was beaten by William Williams to-day in the afternoon. Williams shot the only goal of the game in the first two minutes of play.

King Sees Soccer Game

LONDON, Feb. 28.—King George was a spectator at Stamford Bridge last Saturday when Chelsea defeated Leicester City by 2 to 0 in the third round of the English Cup. Forty thousand people saw the game.

The Days of Real Sport



The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

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Song of the Stalwart

As Fate has willed—so it must be—
I take the burden placed on me
On out the sloping road that leads
By broken faiths and twisted creeds,
Through starless night and sunless day
Across dim barriers away;
And though I stumble out the road,
No burden beneath the heavy load,
No barricade shall block the track
To turn my course or drive me back.

Ruth vs. Cobb

Here is another angle upon Ruth's slugging prowess. Last season Ty Cobb made 191 base hits. Ruth made only 139.

Yet Cobb's 191 hits yielded 256 bases, while Ruth's 139 hits yielded 284 bases.

Ruth, with 52 fewer hits, totaled 23 additional sacks. Cobb made more doubles and triples than the "Babe" derived, but in home runs the latter predominated by a margin of 29 to 1. The turn which gave Cobb 13 triples and but one home run is one of the queerest on record.

Looking Ahead

In just six weeks, pop-eyed and sore,
You'll see the duffer lamp his core—
And seeing you, he'll then confess
He should have been eleven less.

"After Forty"

In response to a question from M. H. S., we should say the best athletes we ever saw from those who had passed forty were about as follows:

Baseball—Hans Wagner.
Boxing—Bob Fitzsimmons.
Tennis—Norman E. Brookes.
Golf—Walter J. Travis.
Football—Hefelfinger.

Wagner, beyond forty, was still batting .300. Fitz, beyond forty, was still knocking 'em cold. Brooker, beyond forty, was still beating young stars. Travis, beyond forty, won the British and American amateur championships. And Hefelfinger, beyond forty, while coaching Yale forwards, was still able to handle a guard and a tackle.

There is also this difference between a heavyweight boxing champion and a heavyweight wrestling champion—the difference between appearing once every two years and twice a week. There have been only three heavyweight championship boxing matches in the last six years, whereas J. Stecher wraps his sinewy legs around some gasping opponent on Tuesdays and Saturdays of each week.

We saw two wagers recorded a day or so ago to the effect that George Sisler this season would out-hit Ty Cobb. And the man backing Sisler placed a third bet that the St. Louis star would out-bat "Babe" Ruth, measured by the final average, and not by home runs.

Sisler has been traveling steadily between .345 and .355. That mark within the next year or so will be quite sufficient to lead the league.

"Field Marshal Haig is one of Britain's keenest golfers." A battle between our open champion and the field marshal would at least have an old-fashioned ring—viz., Hagen-Haig.

Gandil to Manage Minor League Team

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 28.—Arnold ("Chick") Gandil, Chicago White Sox first baseman, has been signed to manage the St. Anthony, Idaho, baseball club in the Snake River-Yellowstone League.

Gandil has been with the White Sox since 1917. He generally played at first base for the Chicagoans, but also performed in the outfield. The fellow broke into major league baseball with the St. Louis Browns in 1909. He was sent back to the minors for further seasoning and reappeared in 1910 with the White Sox. The Sox sold him to Montreal and in 1912 Washington got him from that club in a trade. In 1915 he was sold to Cleveland and in 1917 he was traded to the White Sox.

Harvard Fencers Win

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 28.—Harvard defeated Dartmouth at fencing to-day by a score of 7 to 2.

Silkworth Is Best With Gun At Club Shoot

Captures High Scratch Prize and Wins Leg on Buermeyer Cup; Webb Victor

W. S. Silkworth was the winner of the most important prize over the Travers Island traps of the New York Athletic Club yesterday. He took the high scratch prize with a score of 95 out of a possible 100 targets. He also won a leg on the Buermeyer Cup with a card of 48 out of a possible 50 targets, shooting from scratch. The latter win gave him two legs on the prize, and as it was the final Saturday of the month, he took home the prize, as the two legs were the most that any gunner scored on the cup during February.

N. Webb won the high scratch cup and the Travers Island Trophy went to R. S. Smith. As usual, legs on the other regular fixtures were won by the winners that had full scores of 25 targets. Being the final Saturday of the month, all these shoots came to an end yesterday, and when the wins were counted it was found that W. W. Peabody had won the Club Cup with three legs. R. S. Smith had taken the Hatin Cup with three legs, and C. A. Brown had won the Monthly Cup with three legs.

A new shoot was added to the program yesterday. It was distance handicap at 25 targets. The winner was G. S. McCutcheon, who shot from the 20-yard mark and "killed" 22 birds. The Club Cup trophy went to R. L. Spotts. The conditions were not particularly good and there were very few straight scores made during the shoot.

WINNERS

High scratch—W. S. Silkworth.
High handicap—N. Webb.
Buermeyer Cup—R. S. Smith.
Ghost—R. L. Spotts.
February Monthly winners—
Peabody—W. W. Peabody.
Club Cup—R. S. Smith.
Hatin Cup—C. A. Brown.
Buermeyer Cup—C. A. Brown.

Weber Wins Over Hopkins in Finals At St. Augustine

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 28.—In the finals of the fourth annual spring tournament held on the St. Augustine Links today Harold Weber, of the Indiana Club of Toledo defeated Louis Hopkins, of Chicago, 4 and 3. Weber is the most capable golfer of the trio, and he played sound golf in the morning, with the exception of the long fifteenth hole, when he put his drive into the fairways, which cost him an 8.

He was out in 39 to Hopkins' 42. Weber was 2 up at the turn. Coming home the majority of the holes were hit by Weber, who made 2 to add 2 more to his lead, making Hopkins 4 down on the morning's play. The play in the afternoon was poor.

Hopkins won the first two holes, and for a short period it looked as though he might over things on his last hole, but Weber won the next four. The match stood Weber 7 up at the turn. He won the tenth, Hopkins took the eleventh, and Weber won the thirteenth and the match. Weber also gave him a leg on the W. H. Healdsley Cup. In the second sixteen R. W. Gill, playing from Batusrol, defeated St. A. Moody, of the Commonwealth Club, of Boston. C. C. Spades of Chicago, won from F. H. Sargent, Jr. of Philadelphia, 3 and 2, in the third sixteen.

Gentner and Chace Annex Swim Titles

In what many regarded as a dead heat, Paul Gentner, of Poly Prep School, was declared the winner of the 50-yard senior Metropolitan Association swimming trial on Monday. Gentner, of the Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A., last night, Hal Vollmer, New York A. C., was placed second and Leo Giebel, a clubmate, third.

In the 100-yard junior "Met" title race Paul Chace won by several feet from Fred Kahle, a Hawaiian, in 59.15 seconds.

The summary:

50-yard swim (senior Metropolitan Association)—Paul Gentner, Poly Prep, New York A. C., second, Leo Giebel, Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A., third, Hal Vollmer, New York A. C., fourth, time, 1:02.4.

100-yard swim (junior Metropolitan Association)—Paul Chace, New York A. C., second, Fred Kahle, Hawaiian, third, time, 1:02.4.

100-yard swim (handicap)—Won by J. W. Tall, unattached, 12 seconds; L. R. Helwig, unattached, 13 seconds; second, E. Hanson, unattached, 22 seconds; third, time, 1:02.4.

Fordham Freshies Win

The Fordham freshmen basketball team defeated the C. C. N. Y. freshmen at C. C. N. Y. gymnasium last night by a score of 15 to 12. At half time the visitors led by 9 to 5.

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